

FROM WASHINGTON.

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RECONNOISSANCE IN SEARCH OF THEM.

THEY ARE NOT TO BE FOUND.

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THE REBEL CAMP AT WINCHESTER

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.
Washington, D. C., Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1862.—
THE RUMORED ADVANCE OF THE REBELS—STUDY OF THEIR MOVEMENTS.

In these exciting times in this excited city the wildest reports find credence. An evening paper sold its first edition with the proposito announcement that Gen. Joe Johnston was advancing on Manassas, and its second edition with the contradiction of the story. Another report, which we mentioned last night, to the effect that the enemy's army, 10,000 strong, was at Leesburg, and perhaps bound on dash into Washington, caused unusual precautions to be taken last night by the authorities. An expedition was sent out to ascertain the facts about the camp of the 10,000. They proceeded by Hester's Mill at Dranesville, thence on the Leesburg pike to Goose Creek. Nothing of the enemy was seen on the road, save two or three scouts, who fled at the approach of the party, crossing Goose Creek at the principal ford. They made an examination of the neighborhood, but finding nothing, pushed on toward Leesburg, still following the pike, reaching Leesburg, and finding only a few cavalrymen there, they entered the town. There they learned that Stuart's Cavalry had been encamped near the town, on the road to Conrad's Ferry, from Sunday noon until Monday afternoon, at which time they passed through Leesburg on their way back to Winchester, as was supposed. The citizens estimated the force at from 2,000 to 3,000. They had 250 to 300 ill-horsed. Many of the men were dressed in the clothes of national soldiers, but they did not seem to have much plauder with them. There were but two wagons with them. What they contained was not learned. The citizens said the party remained some time, and that Gen. Stuart required, he understood the Yankees were trying to cut him off, and if that was the case he would wait and give them an opportunity. The men seemed well pleased with their little tour around Gen. McClellan's straggly. Thinking some of the party might still be in the neighborhood, our forces went out upon the road to Conrad's Ferry, and also toward Winchester, but neither discovered or encountered anything. Having accomplished the object of their mission, they returned. Scouts from various other directions have come in, all of whom bring the old report of no enemy in force this side of Bull Run and Kettner Mountain. A reconnaissance to Culpepper found only a small squad of cavalry there.

ATTENDING TO THE INTERESTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS TROOPS.

Albert G. Brown, Jr., Private Secretary to Gov. Andrew, is at Gen. Scott's headquarters, engaged in looking after the interests of Massachusetts troops.

FROM THE FRONT OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

One of your special correspondents sends the following intelligence, dated Bolivar Heights, Oct. 13. Rebel videttes and a section of artillery are still in sight in front of our lines to-day. A Rebel officer, with an escort of 25 cavalry, is visible examining their picket line. Deserters to-day state the main Rebel army is still at Winchester. Their camps for the first two nights were in view from our lines, and were estimated by Gen. Couch sufficient for 60,000 men. They may, however, have been bulk to deceive us.

J. SCOTT'S LETTER.

There is great curiosity here to know how Gen. Scott's letter got into the hands of John Van Buren.

THE CASE OF GEN. MARTINDALE.

The following are the charges and specifications against Gen. John H. Martindale, United States Volunteers, commanding first brigade, Morell's division, Fifth Army Corps, which the Court of which Gen. Harney is President is investigating:

Courtesy—Misbehavior in the presence of the enemy.

Speculations.—In this that he, Brig.-Gen. John H. Martindale, United States Volunteers, first brigade, Morell's division, Fifth Army Corps, did propose to one or more commissioned officers of the then Fifth Provisional Army Corps, or in their hearing, and to a commissioned officer of rank and influence of his own brigade, in a manner to influence his judgment, "to lay down their arms, and surrender to the enemy while they could obtain terms," or words to that effect. This is on or about the morning of the 22d day of July, 1862, immediately after the defeat of the Confederate army, and while the United States army was being withdrawn from Hancock Hill, or near Hancock Hill, — County Virginia.

Assistant Surgeon F. A. Lester to report to Surgeon W. H. Morell, Medical Director of the West Philadelphia Hospital.

Assistant Surgeon F. A. Lester to report to Surgeon General S. L. Smith to relieve Surgeon General S. L. Smith.

Surgeon Wm. H. Morell, 4th Vermont Vol., has been ordered to report to Surgeon W. H. Morell, Medical Director of the West Philadelphia Hospital.

Surgeon D. H. Agnew, U. S. Vol., to report to Surgeon W. H. Morell, Medical Director of the West Philadelphia Hospital.

Surgeon A. P. Crosby to report to Gen. McClellan's head quarters.

Surgeon J. H. Hopkins to report to Surgeon W. H. Morell, Medical Director of Philadelphia to take charge of Chestnut Hill Hospital.

Surgeon Clayton A. Chegill to report to Newbern, N. C., and relieve Surgeon G. W. Morell, Medical Director of the Hospital in the city. Surgeon DeWitt, when relieved, will join his regiment.

Surgeon D. H. Agnew, U. S. Vol., to report to the Medical Director of Shippensburg, Cumberland County.

Surgeon A. P. Crosby to report to Gen. McClellan's head quarters.

Surgeon W. H. Morell, 4th Vermont Vol., when relieved, will join his regiment.

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